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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY
AND COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

September 4, 1917

Dear President Falconer:

First of all, I present to you my most cordial and proud greetings. As our Governor said to me today, "When we have done proportionately as Canada has done, we may then begin to speak of ~~it as~~ our "doing."

But what I wish is to have you come to tell us, at our Convocation this year, of Canada's "doing." I mean particularly the doing of the universities and the colleges, that we may have your advice as we are now meeting like problems.

The Convocation is to run through a good part of two days. We should like to have you come on the 19th of October, at the morning session, or, if that is not as convenient, we can arrange it possibly for the afternoon session. There is an honorarium of $150. I hope that your engagements are such that you will let us have the profit of your advice and the incidental pleasure of seeing and hearing you.

Cordially yours

John H. Finley

To
Dr Robert A. Falconer
President, University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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September 6th, 1917

President Finley,

The University of the State of New York,

Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of President Falconer I beg to state that on the 19th of October the President is to give an address at the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, according to his book of engagements. In that case he would be unable to be with you on the same date.

Sir Robert Falconer returns to Toronto on the 10th and I will then bring your letter before him.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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September 10th, 1917

President J. C. Finley,

University of the State of New York,

Albany.

My dear President Finley:

On my return to my office this morning I find your most courteous letter awaiting me. My Secretary has already acknowledged the receipt of it and has told you that on the 18th of October I am booked for an address at the Drexel Institute. It is a great disappointment to me to have this clash of dates for nothing would give me greater pleasure than to go to Albany and speak at your Convocation. The relations of the two countries now has become so intimate that a new meaning is given to our former friendship. We have your students drilling on our campus; our men are to be trained in Texas during the winter. Last week in Halifax I addressed a meeting given in honour of American Officers on their way to France. We admire the resolution and capacity that you have already shown in entering upon this war.

As I have just completed this letter your telegram has been handed to me. It is a great pleasure for me to be able to say that I hope to accept your invitation. I am writing President Godfrey to see whether he can change his date to the 18th or the 20th, but if the 20th will suit you I can come up from Philadelphia and be with you on that date. With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

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President R A Falconer

Hope able to so arrange

your appearance on our

program as not to conflict

with drexel engagements

J. H. Finlay.

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The University of the State of New York

Sept. 14 / 1917

My President Falconer:

Can you not conveniently come for the evening of the 18th? You will then have ample time to reach Philadelphia in comfort for the evening of the 19th. I am anxious and eager to be sure that this will be possible.

Cordially yours

John Grier Hibben

To

President Falconer

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September 17th, 1917

President J. Finley,

University of the State of New York,

Albany, N.Y.

Dear President Finley:

It will give me great pleasure to be with you and speak at your Convocation on the evening of October 18th. Without consulting recent time-tables I should say that I can leave here in the morning and arrive at Albany at a suitable hour to give me the evening free. At least I did that once before. Then, I can go from Albany to Philadelphia for the 19th.

I have to thank you for your very kind invitation, and in accepting it I anticipate much pleasure and personal advantage from being able to be with you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 26th, 1917

President J. Finley,

University of the State of New York,

Albany, N.Y.

Dear President Finley:

I wonder whether you would change the title of the subject that you have given to me slightly and make it "Canadian Universities (or Colleges if you prefer the word) and the War", inasmuch as the information that I have bears almost entirely upon this class of our educational institutions. I should only say a very little, if anything, really about the High Schools.

It is a great honour to be associated with Dr. Henry Van Dyke, and his subject is one to which I, myself, have been giving a great deal of attention, so I shall listen to him with all the greater pleasure on that account.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Octoter 12th, 1917

President Finley,

University of the State of New York,

Altany, N.Y.

Dear President Finley:

A train leaves here on Thursday morning at atout eight o'clock, which will bring me to Altany at atout seven o'clock in the evening. Would you please let me know whether that gives me sufficient time for the evening meeting ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 7th, 1917

President John Finley,

University of the State of New York,

Albany, N.Y.

Dear President Finley:

Many thanks for your letter and your kind words with regard to my address. Undoubtedly the meeting in Albany was a great event and I regard it as a great privilege to have had the opportunity of being present at such a distinguished function and to have heard Dr. Van Dyke's speech.

I am glad to know that you are likely to accept the invitation of the Empire Club. You will find an interesting body of men and I am sure they will give you a warm welcome. I should be glad to hear from you more definitely when you expect to be able to come to Toronto.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 22nd, 1918

President J. P. Finley,

University of the State of New York.

My dear President Finley:

Many thanks for your letter and the copies of the proceedings of the October Convocation. It was very good of you to offer to send more copies. Perhaps you would be good enough to send one to Sir Edward Walker, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and one to my brother, Professor J. W. Falconer, Pine Hill, Halifax, N.S. I know that it is such a nuisance for people to feel that they are under the obligation of reading speeches that I do not wish to inflict this duty upon my friends and put an unnecessary strain upon their friendship.

I judge from this morning's report that we are in the midst of one of our critical periods, though the allies are in such good fettle that we do not need to fear anything like serious trouble. Probably our people wish to have the offensive at this time.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 7, 1918

Dear President Falconer:

I regret that I am unable to bring to President Finley's personal attention your address on "The Conflict of Educational Ideas Arising out of the Present War". You will be interested to know that he has sailed for England and that, after visiting France and Italy, he will go to Palestine as head of the Red Cross Commission to the Holy Land. I will keep your pamphlet where it may be brought to President Finley's attention upon his return.

Very truly yours

(Mrs.) M. Frances Steers

Secretary to the President

To
Sir Robert A. Falconer
President, University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada